

**Civic Center Ad Hoc Committee
Prairie Village City Hall
7700 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208
May 19, 2022 | 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting Minutes

I. Introductions

Ian Graves welcomed the committee and members of the public to the meeting. Committee members in attendance: Chair Ian Graves; Vice-Chair Bonnie Limbird; City Council Representative Dave Robinson; Parks and Recreation Committee representative Randy Knight; citizen appointee Lauren Ozburn; citizen appointee James Senter. Also in attendance: Mayor Eric Mikkelson, Wes Jordan, City Administrator; Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator; Nickie Lee, Finance Director; Keith Bredehoeft, Public Works Director; Meghan Boom, Assistant City Administrator; Tim Schwartzkopf, Assistant City Administrator

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2022

James Senter moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Lauren Ozburn and approved unanimously.

III. Update from YMCA Community Meeting/Request to Consider Partnership – Mark Hulet

Mark Hulet recapped the YMCA community meeting held on May 12 at Meadowbrook Park Clubhouse. The meeting was attended by 178 attendees, the majority of whom were Prairie Village residents and Y members. Following the meeting, an informal survey was sent out and returned by approximately 80 attendees. Results were favorable to a potential partnership between the City and the Y.

Mr. Hulet would like the committee to consider formalizing the City's and the Y's collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Graves responded that this discussion has gained traction in the community that might lead to future partnerships through Johnson County or others, and any agreement would need to remain flexible. Bonnie Limbird asked Mr. Hulet about existing partnerships or overlap between Johnson County Parks and Recreation and the Y. Mr. Hulet responded that more research may have to be done in that area. Committee members discussed the County's children's services department, after care programs, and 50+ programs as well as the importance of complimentary rather than competitive services.

Wes Jordan recommends that staff have the ability to explore opportunities with not only the Y but also Johnson County, the Shawnee Mission School District, or others.

Mr. Graves moved to direct staff to do due diligence and explore an MOU with the Y and other potential partners, such as the County and School District, to bring forward to City Council for consideration. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Consider Updated Market Sustainability Research Proposal – Ian Graves

Mr. Graves stated the purpose of an updated survey is to authenticate the results of the 2019 survey in a post-COVID environment to gauge community interest prior to investing a significant amount of staff time on this project. Mr. Jordan stated that Wiese recommended an almost exact duplicate of the survey, minus the questions regarding the Johnson County Library. While the library is still a potential partner, they have a different timeline and funding source, which makes the survey results less relevant to them. He outlined various costs and proposals provided by Wiese.

Ms. Limbird stated her desire to move forward with the \$27,500 option to understand if the community pulse has shifted. Mr. Hulet stated that if the survey is approved expediently, survey results could be expected back in late August or early September. Mayor Mikkelson asked Mr. Hulet if the Y would be a financial partner in the survey. Mr. Hulet stated that the Y would be willing to share the costs of the survey should an MOU be put in place.

Mr. Graves moved to recommend staff present a proposal to the City Council for a survey study at the \$27,500 level, as well as the proposed cost for postcard campaign for an informal internet survey. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

V. General Discussion – Ian Graves

Mr. Graves stated he continues to hear from residents that a community center concept is something that they desire to see in the City. He shared his hope to see vibrant community spaces continue to have a place in Prairie Village. He opened the meeting for comment from the ad-hoc committee.

Mr. Graves asked Mr. Jordan what steps needed to be taken prior to another committee meeting. Mr. Jordan stated the committee will need to outline next steps should the survey results return positive results, including concept design, establishing a proposed budget, and public input.

Ms. Ozburn stated that she'd like to see the committee begin to prepare a community engagement plan, pending the survey results. Mr. Graves stated that the committee could plan next steps based on various potential outcomes of the survey. Mr. Jordan suggested a meeting at some point following the June 22 City Council meeting to allow staff time to work through the MOU and survey proposals.

Mr. Graves moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Limbird seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.